

BAPTISTS END WORK AND DEPART FOR EXPOSITION.

In Africa, Rev. Nathan Mainard told of his labors in Japan, and Rev. E. F. Tatum described conditions in China so graphically that the audience arose and sang "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

Rev. W. E. Crocker spoke on China and the growth of the work there; Rev. J. A. Taylor made an appeal for Brazil, where he said the Catholics were but "baptized pagans," combining the Catholic faith with the spells of the African and the traditions of the Indians.

The next speaker was an African, a pure bred native of the West Coast, by name Oyeringbo, who is being trained as a missionary.

This youth sang in his native dialect, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," while the audience joined with him, singing in English. Rev. Mr. Deifont, of Brazil, a native, made a short address, and was followed by a young Chinaman, Mr. Ah Fong, a student at Richmond College, who made the most remarkable address of the evening.

In eloquent and well-chosen words he told his story, in a voice so clear and strong that every listener reached his hearers and claimed their attention. In appreciation of his address the delegates arose and sang "How Firm a Foundation."



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GREATEST OF CONVENTIONS, PRESIDENT OF BODY SAYS

By Hon. E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo., President of Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention has met in Richmond five times—often more than it has met in any other place. When we come back to Richmond we feel we are visiting the home of our birth.

It is needless to say that about no place clusters tenderer associations, nor in any other place. When this convention met in Richmond in 1846, the year after its organization, the number of delegates present in 1850 the delegates were 578 in last 200 delegates present. At its last session in Richmond, in 1888, the attendance of delegates was 772. The 1,400, the largest attendance in the Chautauque last year, when the number of delegates was 1,400.

No other session it has ever held more than 1,400 delegates. It has been a moving forward with great rapidity, unity. The following is a resume of the various reports submitted.

The convention embraces the Carolinas, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, Oklahoma and Texas—fifteen states in all. Within the bounds of the 20,764 churches, constituting 8,000,000 members, the year have been purposes have been \$7,108,934. The total number of Sunday school scholars in 874,462.



HON. E. W. STEPHENS.

The contributions to foreign missions during the past year were \$403,000, an increase of \$10,000 over the year before. The number of returned missionaries, one individual, 2,000, during the year were \$23,803,333, a cent over the past year. The number of returned missionaries, one individual, 2,000, during the year were \$23,803,333, a cent over the past year. The number of returned missionaries, one individual, 2,000, during the year were \$23,803,333, a cent over the past year.

More than they can express, the members of the convention appreciate the cordial hospitality of this beloved old city of Richmond, so characteristic of Virginia, and we will ever cherish grateful memories of our visit.

DR. EATON CAUSED STIR AT MORNING SESSION OF BODY

Dr. Willingham Replies Vigorously to Louisville Minister—Home Missions Discussed and Convention Boards for Next Year Elected.

Considering the somewhat strenuous Sunday spent by the visiting Baptists, their promptness in assembling yesterday morning to begin the work of the last day's session was remarkable. When the president's gavel fell at 9:30 o'clock, there were at least three hundred delegates in their seats, and they seemed as eager to hear and take part in the proceedings as they were at any previous meeting.

After brief devotional exercises, the convention proceeded to business. Dr. Burrows made an effort to counteract the effect of the bad acoustic properties of the hall by offering a resolution providing that the delegates be seated in the middle tier of seats, where they might be better heard by the speakers, and that the members of the Woman's Missionary Union and other privileged visitors be seated in the side tiers. The resolution was adopted, and the ushers were instructed accordingly. Special deputy ushers were appointed to assist the regulars in enforcing the new law.

Home Missions.

Some other preliminary business was disposed of, and the order of the day—consideration of home missions—was taken up. Dr. B. D. Gray, the secretary of the home board, took the meeting in hand, and, at his request, the convention sang a stirring hymn.

Dr. H. L. Weeks, of Mississippi, read the report of the subcommittee on the home board's general report, dealing with the board's building and loan fund. The report, which was brief, simply told of the hopes of the board to build more churches and elevate the present year; emphasized the importance of the work, and appealed to the churches for an enlarged building fund.

Dr. McLothlin, of Kentucky, read the report on "Our Finances and our Future." The report sets forth that the general report of the present session shows the largest collections ever known, but there is a dark shadow in the monument in the shape of a debt amounting to something over \$7,000.

As to the future, the report declares that never in the history of the board were its opportunities as great as now. The work among negroes in the South, the Cuban work and the demands on the frontier call for further enlargement of the treasury of the board. "The South for Christ" must be the battle cry of the board, and of the 2,000,000 Baptists behind it. The demands of the situation call for \$350,000 for the home board for the ensuing year, and this is the amount the committee appeals to the churches for.

Will Work for \$350,000.

Dr. Weeks took the floor to discuss the two reports, but gave the most of his attention to the building and loan fund. To advance the Baptist interests in the Southwest, in the West and in Cuba, good church buildings are absolutely necessary, and the duty of providing them has been imposed on the home mission board. Dr. Weeks contended that the duty of "The South for Christ," as well as the demand for pride, demand the enlargement of the treasury of the board.

Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Tennessee,

were willing to pledge themselves to go home and raise the money by the middle of June to rise. There was a general response. An enthusiastic layman said, "Let's raise it now," and he handed in \$500. Dr. Gray, for another ranging from \$25 to \$500 came in showers, and there was a goodly cash collection, the total being \$5,421.63. Dr. Gray gave away for the next order of business, announcing that he would resume this pleasing business later on, perhaps.

Report on Evangelism.

Dr. Truett, of Texas, read the report on evangelism. The report was very long—so long, in fact, that, as a result of the much-abused acoustic properties of the building, the delegates couldn't very well take it in from the reading, and a member moved that the home board be requested to have it printed in pamphlet form for circulation among the churches. The motion was promptly adopted.

The report gave much detail concerning the work the corps of evangelists in the employ of the board have accomplished throughout the South in the past few years, especially the past year. The facts and figures brought out show that the Baptists of the South are making great strides in response to the battle cry, "The South for Christ."

Rev. W. W. Hamilton, the evangelist in charge of this department of the work of the home mission board, spoke to the report presented by Dr. Truett. Said Dr. Hamilton:

"I call your attention to the importance of making preparation for the evangelist. I do not mean in painting the house of the evangelist, but in heart preparation on the part of the church. I like concerted movement—each church in a community holding revival service at the same time. I believe in preaching the gospel everywhere—in the tent, on the street—wherever men assemble; but the man never gets over the place of his birth. A convert often gets the characteristics of the man under whom he is converted. I believe in a live church. Some persons think more of their grandmothers' grave than they do of the great work of God."

With this as a kind of introductory, Mr. Hamilton furnished to the convention a general review of the methods of the evangelists sent out by the board, interspersing his remarks with accounts of some of the thrilling and inspiring experiences of the men who are engaged in the work. He laid stress upon the importance of the demonstration of the aggressive and progressive work of the evangelist department of the home mission board. Mr. Hamilton's address aroused the convention to a high pitch of enthusiasm, and the delegates wanted to hear more of the work, and they called for Dr. Truett, of Texas, who is very actively identified with the work, being the vice-president of the board for Texas.

Caused a Stir.

But at this point a little firebrand burst forth in the convention. Rev. Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, arose to a point of personal protest against the nomination of a high pitch of enthusiasm of the convention to be held at Hot Springs, Ark. He would offer a resolution providing for a change in the order of business. He said he would move the appointment of a nominating committee, whose duty it should be to nominate a year in advance a chairman and a vice-chairman of each of the standing committees. He then bluntly stated that the object of the resolution and the change in the mode of procedure was to prevent the secretaries from dictating to the president who should be the chairman of the various committees. The announcement attracted but little attention at the time, and a few minutes later Dr. Eaton left the platform and the building.

When Dr. Truett, who responded to the call to speak to the report on evangelism, arose, he made a few remarks, one of the secretaries of the convention, arose and explained that the presumed Dr. Eaton meant the secretaries of the convention, for every body knew that he and his colleague, Dr. Burrows, had been the hands in and out of the convention for a long time, and the president, he said, had made the statement because since Dr. Eaton had spoken and since he had left the building several delegates had informed him that it was generally thought that Dr. Eaton referred to him and to Dr. Burrows.

Dr. R. J. Willingham, secretary of the foreign mission board, then, in a dignified and at the same time feeling manner, denied emphatically the accuracy of the insinuation of Dr. Eaton that he or Dr. Gray and Dr. Burrows had been the hands in and out of the convention for a long time, and he said he would not be so presumptuous as to interfere with the prerogatives and the duties of the president. He said there was no law and no need for a law forbidding the president to confer with the secretaries of the boards, who, in the nature of the case, were his familiar with the working forces in the churches than the president with reference to the formation of the committees, and when he did so they deemed it their duty to give him names of such persons as in their judgment were suitable for service on those committees, but the president was in no way bound to follow their suggestions, and the speaker did not know that he ever had.

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on time and preachers for the next session of the convention, reported, recommending that the convention be commenced on the night of the Thursday after the second Sunday in May, 1908, and that Rev. Dr. Henry W. Balle, of North Carolina, be named as the preacher of the annual sermon, with Rev. Dr. J. M. Weaver, of Louisville, Ky., as alternate. The report was adopted.

Dr. Cody, of South Carolina, submitted the report of the committee on State vice-presidents of the boards. The report regrets that information concerning the work of the vice-presidents in their territories is in the main meagre and unsatisfactory. However, such of them as have reported have done very good work. The report earnestly urges the vice-presidents to be more active and diligent in advancing the cause of the boards and the denomination in their sections.

Limiting the Debate.

When the minority and majority reports on the adoption of the Charlotte agreement were submitted it was agreed to allow each side two and a half hours to present its case. After that the speeches on the subject were to be confined to five minutes on each until time for the assembly to take action on the subject. The speakers of the afternoon were the Rev. F. A. Glasgow, clerk from the Lexington Presbytery, against the articles, and the Rev. J. S. Lyons, of Louisville, Ky., in favor of adoption. Dr. Egbert Smith, of Louisville, proposed the motion and was appointed to lead the application.

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